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NANOPARTICLES OF CERAMIC OXIDE POWDERS

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION OF AUGUST 24, 2001

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested in  
view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 1 (Amended). A single step process for synthesis of  
nanoparticles of phase pure ceramic oxides of a single component system  
comprising one type of metal ion, said process comprising,

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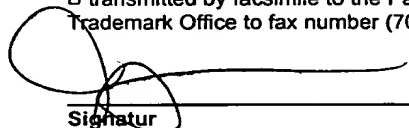
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